capacity. This issue has been discussed and mutually resolved in a meeting of Railway Board Members with Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety on 07.10.2005. Permissible carrying capacity however has been enhanced keeping all safety aspects in view.

Research, Design, Standards Organization (RDSO) is a technical body of Ministkry of Railways, no separate clearance is required from RDSO. However, before permitting additional loading of wagons, technical comments have been obtained from RDSO. Decision to permit increased loading has been taken by Railway Board after considering various factors including the comments of RDSO.

Reservation facility for district Headquarters without rail services

†2729. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the district headquarters where rail services are yet to reach;

(b) the district headquarters our the above where reservation facility has been made available by 31st October, 2005;

(c) whether Government have decided to provide reservation facility in all such districts where rail services are yet to reach; and

(d) reasons for not providing the reservation facility in Jashpur Nagar (Chhattisgarh) so far along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The policy for taking up new line projects was enunciated by the National Transport Policy Committee in 1980. This policy states that new lines would be taken up on the following criteria:

(i) Project oriented lines to serve new industries for tapping mineral and other resources.

(ii) Missing lines for completing alternative routes to relieve congestion on existing saturated routes.

(iii) Lines required for strategic reasons; and

(iv) Lines for establishment of new growth centers or giving access to remote areas.

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The projects are taken up on national perspective to meet traffic and other requirements and are not guided by geographical boundaries of District/State. There is no policy to provide rail connectivity to each District Headquarter and data in this regard has not been maintained.

(b) Computerised reservation facility has been made available in 485 districts of all the States in the country by 31.10.2005, irrespective of the fact whether train services have reached the districts.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As proliferation of reservation facility is a continuous process, this facility in Jashpur Nagar (Chhattisgarh) will be considered for inclusion in Annual Budget 2006-07.

Profits by NMDC

.†2730. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the net profit earned by NMDC in the last three years;

(b) the turn over of NMDC in the last three years with respect to mining of iron ore and share of Chhattisgarh in it;

(c) the amount of corporate tax and dividend paid by NMDC to Government of India in the last 3 years; and

(d) the details of royalty paid by the NMDC during above period separately to the Government of Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The net profit earned by NMDC during last 3 years are as under;

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Net Profit After Tax
2002-03	312.20
2003-04	432.63
2004-05	755.44

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